Sophisticated Equipments to A.P. for Fighting Extremism

5531. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested for equipment for combating extremism in the State; and

(b) if so, the action taken to supply sophisticated weapons to fight extemists more effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) As and when Andhra Pradesh Government has projected any requirement of arms/ammunition for combating extremism in the State, efforts have always been made to meet the requirement to the extent possible within the availability constraints.

Talks with Kashmiri Political Leaders

5532. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any move on the part of Government to have talks with different political leaders in Kashmir;

(b) if so, what framework Government have in view for discussing Kashmir; and

(c) if not, what prevents Government from doing so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Government is committed to initiating dialogue, within the constitutional framework, with alienated sections of society in J&K specially misguided youths.

Modern Weaponry for tackling the Militancy

5533. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are faced with a challenge posed by the fast changing profile of militancy with modern weaponry and technology in Kashmir and North-Eastern region;

(b) if so, whether Government have chalked out any plan to strengthen and modernise the central security forces and to assist States in strengthening their respective police forces; and